

REMARKS

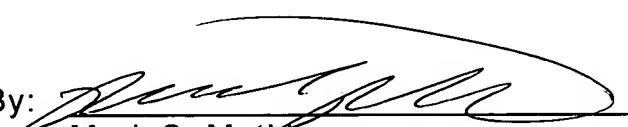
There are no amendments to the claims. Claims 1-7 and 33 are in the application for consideration.

The Examiner's last Action asserts patentably distinct species, namely a first species having the etching step after the planarized polishing step, and a second species have an insulating spacer depositing step after the planarized polishing step. Applicant hereby elects the first stated species. At least claims 1-7 are readable thereon. However, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner examine all claims pending in the application.

This application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is requested

Respectfully submitted,

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